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'Wingman Day' focus' on Airmen health, wellness

WIRE REPORTS

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — All Air Combat Command units will take a day away from their normal routines to focus on the fitness of the command's most valuable resource — its people.

The ACC commander, Gen. Hal Hornburg, instructed all commanders to take Monday as a day to focus on the "physical, mental and spiritual fitness of our people." The day is part of the Air Force's service-wide effort to hold a wellness day, which was established at the fall Corona Conference.

"It's important we break periodically from our everyday work to take care of each other and communicate to our Airmen that they have a unique purpose as valued members of our Air Force family," General Hornburg said.

"The units will hold programs which focus on three health fronts," said Col. Edward Dixon, ACC's Personnel director. The physical, mental and spiritual health of our force, collectively, allows Airmen to pull together to perform the mission successfully.

"When individuals join the Air Force, they become a part of a unique culture," Colonel Dixon said. "This culture and our core values drive us toward Airmen taking care of Airmen. We accomplish the mission as a team, and we take care of each other as a team. 'Wingman Day' is an opportunity for us to instill that culture in every Airman, and promote a positive, purposeful outlook throughout our service."

ACC has provided each unit suggested agendas and tool kits to use in developing their Wingman Day. All flying will be suspended for the day to allow maximum participation by all members.

"The day will start with a briefing at Hoban Hall at 8 a.m. and should last about an hour," said Col. Eldon Woodie, 2d Bomb Wing vice commander. "Unit commanders will have schedules for the rest of the day. The intent is to do activities focused around physical, mental and spiritual health. Although mission demands will preclude some from participating fully, the day will be a fun chance to get together with members of the Air Force's No. 1 team."



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Capt. Paul Peconga, left, and Capt. Brady Vauclin inspect the 340th Weapons Squadron's new CBU-105 trainer. The captains are both students assigned to the 340th WPS. The trainer was presented to the 340th WPS Oct. 22.

340th WPS trains with CBU-105

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE

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The 340th Weapons School recently acquired a full-sized training model of the Air Force's first combat-proven smart area weapon, the CBU-105

The CBU-105 is on loan to the Air Force Weapon School to provide hands-on experience for the B-52 Weapons Instructor Course. Textron Systems, the manufacturer of the CBU-105 sensor fuzed weapon, presented an actual sized model of the bomb to the 340th Weapons Squadron Oct. 22. The 340th WPS was able to immediately put the CBU-105 to use during one of the close air support missions the stu-

dents planned and flew.

The weapon is a direct strike, air-to-ground smart munition designed against area targets to halt and defeat moving and fixed land combat vehicles. It consists of a CBU-97 with the wind corrected munitions dispenser tail kit.

"The WCMD tail kit allows the weapon to correct itself as it is falls and flies itself to a known location," said Capt. Brady Vauclin, a student at the 340th WPS.

"This allows for better accuracy from a higher altitude where a B-52 might fly," said Capt. Alex Boulter, an instructor at the weapons school.




The CBU-105 is the first and only

combat-proven smart area weapon of its kind in the Air Force inventory designed to accurately detect and defeat multiple targets. Two self-destruct modes and a timed de-activation mode prevent any hazardous unexploded ordnance from being left on the battlefield, which helps ensure the safety of coalition ground forces.

A 20th Bomb Squadron crew first employed the CBU-105 in combat April 2, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom when the weapon took out multiple Iraqi tanks in a single pass to protect the advance of our military forces. According to Textron Systems,

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Weekend Weather

		
Today Partly Cloudy	Saturday Mostly sunny	Sunday Mostly sunny
Hi: 65 Low: 44	Hi: 64 Low: 44	Hi: 67 Low: 41

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Base team wins second straight championship

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals			
			
Depicted in hours	351.4	130.7	288.6
Goal:	351.4	130.7	288.6
Flown:	344.8	134.8	261.3
Remaining:	6.6	0.0	27.3
As of:			
Oct. 29	-6.6	+4.1	-27.3



Suicide prevention, everyone's responsibility

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

Air Combat Command Commander Gen. Hal Hornburg directed Monday as a "Wellness Day" across ACC. The importance of wellness should not be anything new to Team Barksdale — it is a key component of our TWO vector — Offer opportunities for personal wellness and professional growth.

The concept of being a good wingman is also woven into the vector because it is the key to building trust and teamwork. At Barksdale, every person is important to our mission success. Each of you are a critical link in our mission chain and we must take care of each other if the chain is to remain strong enough to withstand the stress of our operational tempo. Every warrior must care more about something bigger than him or herself — we are making a difference today and for the future. So, take the time on Monday to ensure there are no "lone warriors" who feel they have no one to turn to in their time of need — we are all part of a higher calling and all together in service to our great nation. I've attached the sight picture from Gen. John Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, that's driving this Wellness Day. Please note that no matter where you fall in the chain of command, the Air Force is counting on you to be a good wingman!

Stress is nothing new to military life and there are many factors that contribute to this. But lately, stress has been taking its toll on our Airmen. Our suicide rate is skyrocketing while accidental deaths are more than 36 percent above what they were four years ago. We lost 57 people to suicide in the past year — a dramatic, and tragic, increase from last year. We lost another 99 Airmen to accidents. Combined, that's an order of magnitude greater than our combat losses in both Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. We're causing ourselves more harm than the enemy. We must do a better job of looking after one another — be better wingmen.

Our jobs are inherently stressful. This is a fact of our profession. We have more than 30,000 Airmen deployed across the globe, with more than 7,000 of them in a combat environment. Many Airmen are now on their sixth deployment in 10 years. Those at home face increased work hours, inconsistent manning, and a continuous workload. More stress comes from uncertainty. In addition, increased aerospace expeditionary force deployment periods, force restructuring, non-commissioned officer retraining, and OSD's BRAC assessments and potential base closures may suggest an ambiguous or unstable future to some Airmen. This can often lead to other stress factors, like family or relationship problems, financial or legal problems, and substance abuse. We are taking steps to mitigate some of these factors, but stress will always be a concern. Stress is a

problem we can manage.

The Air Force leadership is confronting this problem. We cannot relieve the tempo of deployment. When our nation calls, we must respond. However, we can and will work to provide our Airmen with the support they need to carry their load. We are reinvigorating our suicide prevention program that had dramatically dropped the number of suicides over the past seven years. The program worked, but it needs a shot in the arm. Along with suicide prevention, we're continuing to focus on safety and risk management, with zero mishaps as our goal.

November begins the busy holiday season. This is a time of celebration, but also a time when stress rises. Our major commands will be placing special emphasis on stress-related issues during November. We will: reemphasize the support services available; review the signs of stress; and remind all Airmen what it means to look out for each other — to be good wingmen.

However, this problem cannot be solved through programs and training sessions alone. It's going to take an effort from the whole force, from our commanders and supervisors to every Airman in the force. It will take your total commitment.

Commanders — you bear the responsibility for the total welfare of our greatest asset — Airmen. You are responsible for their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being. Use your base resources. You should know when your Airmen need help, and where to send them to get it.

Supervisors — you are our first line of defense. Like commanders, you are responsible for the well-being of the people you supervise. It is you who look every Airman in the eye every day. It is you who can spot the first signs of trouble, and you who are in the best position to listen and engage.

Airmen — be good wingmen. Take care of yourself and those around you. Step in when your wingman needs help. Signs of stress and suicide should not be dismissed. Neither should senseless risks to life and limb because of improper safety and irresponsible behavior.

In today's expeditionary Air Force, commanders and supervisors are often deployed. We rely on those who remain behind as acting commanders and supervisors to be familiar with the stresses confronting their Airmen and to be familiar with all the tools necessary to deal with these stresses.

I need everyone's help on this. Take care of your wingmen on the ground so we can continue to confront America's enemies from air and space. Stress is not going away; it is a reality we must accept and manage. We are the world's greatest air and space power because of you, America's Airmen. The needless loss of one Airman is one loss too many. Look out for each other — look out for your wingman.

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Vector
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Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork
Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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actionline@barksdale.af.mil

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Air Force officials talk about Veterans Day

WIRE REPORTS

Editor's note: *The following is a Veterans Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.*

"Each year, America honors its veterans for the sacrifices and hard-fought successes of so many of its citizens — those who have worn the uniform as Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines.

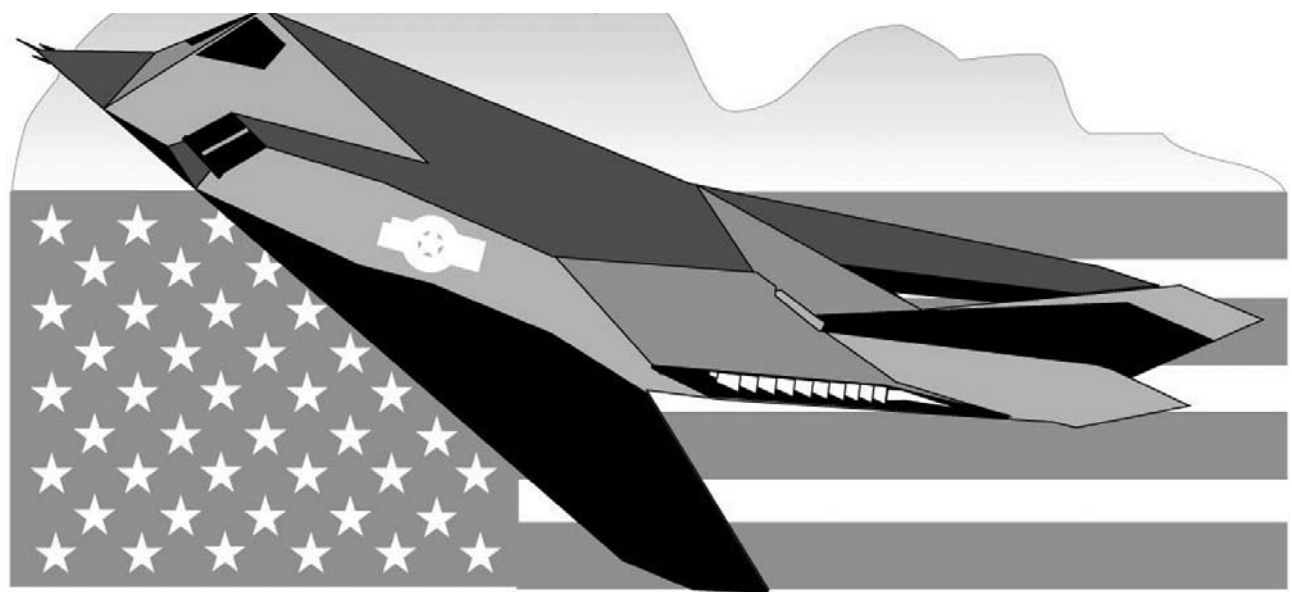
The original Armistice Day recognized the cease-fire signed by Germany and the Allied powers on Nov. 11, 1918. This concluded the hostilities of World War I, known as the "War to end all wars." Over two million service members of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force fought bravely on and over the battlefields of Europe.

Today, our expeditionary

Air Force continues the fight in defense of freedom around the world against a resilient enemy who opposes our way of life.

Since those challenging days at the dawn of the 20th Century to the awakening hours of the 21st Century, we have witnessed major wars and countless conflicts. One constant has remained: the commitment of those who served and continue to serve our nation in forever challenging times — our veterans. We honor their memory for what they have done to keep America and the world safe.

To our Airmen who continue the fight against those who have made America their target, we salute you. We thank you and your families for your constant vigil and your continuing sacrifices. May God bless you and the United States of America. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*



My favorite veteran: What Veterans Day means to me

BY STAFF SGT. JEREMY LARLEE
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

I admit it. In the past I was guilty.

I would view Veterans Day as a day off, even though I should have known better as a member of the military. But now, Veterans Day has a different meaning for me.

In May, my paternal grandfather passed away two weeks before I deployed to Iraq. Deployments have a way of making people reflective, and I found

myself thinking of my grandfather often during my time in the desert.

My grandfather was the type of person who never minced words with people. If he liked you he had a way of making you feel like the greatest person in the world. He was all about family and there was nothing he wouldn't do for you if you needed his help.

He was well decorated in World War II and was promoted to the highest enlisted rank in the Army after just four years. Every time I visited him after

joining the military he would playfully ask me what my rank was and when I answered he would tease that he still outranked me and asked what was taking me so long to get promoted.

On the rare occasions that he would tell a story about the war, I would be in awe as a child. I could never understand why he didn't tell them more often. After spending time in a war zone myself I understand why. You do what you have to do and to brag about those accomplishments would be disrespectful to

your brothers and sisters in arms with whom you served. I will always regret not coming to this level of understanding while my grandfather was alive because I would love to talk to him about it now.

So on this Veterans Day enjoy the day off but take some time to think about great patriots like Mr. George Larlee. If there is a veteran close to you that is still alive, take an opportunity to talk them because you never know when that opportunity will be closed to you forever.



Updated utility uniform colors, pattern unveiled

BY TECH. SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — Responding to Airmen's feedback, Air Force leaders unveiled an alternative utility uniform color scheme and pattern Nov. 2 as part of the ongoing wear-test that was announced in August 2003.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray are now wearing the latest test version of the utility uniform during visits to Airmen serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The most striking change in this version is the switch from a deep blue, gray and green color scheme to a more subdued mix of tan, blue and two shades of green. And the tiger-stripe pattern is now pixilated.

This test version includes design changes incorporated in September based on feedback from Airmen.

More than 700 people at 32 installations are wear-testing the first test uniform. These Airmen participated in scientific surveys and focus groups. Their feedback was instrumental in making these most recent adjustments. The original plan called for only 300 testers, but uniform board officials decided to increase the number of testers to get more exposure and collect more test data. A select group will test the newest version.

Data showed that a service-unique appearance was very important to Airmen.

"Ninety-one percent of the Airmen responded in favor of a distinctive Air Force utility uniform," Chief Murray said. "Airmen take great pride in serving in America's Air



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

The Air Force utility uniform's revised colors include tan, blue and two shades of green in a pixilated tiger-stripe pattern. Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray are wearing the updated utility uniform during visits to Airmen serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Force. Having a distinct uniform that presents a professional appearance to the public and our sister services, when we are at home station or deployed, is important."

A unique Air Force-designed uniform has another big advantage.

"Our new utility uniform incorporates a unique fit tailored for men and women, and a variety of realistic sizes beyond just small, medium and large," the chief said. "More than 20 percent of our Airmen are women, and we continually received feedback on how the male uniforms they currently wear do not fit well. Fit and comfort are important for all Airmen to project a professional military image."

Officials said they are reaping additional benefits of this particular uniform wear-test process.

Air Force Clothing Office officials took detailed measurements of as many body types as possible and recorded them into a database for future uniform design studies. Since the last such measurement in the 1960s, officials discovered that the average Airmen now has a more athletic build.

Not only are Airmen more fit to fight, they are deployed more often and for longer periods than ever before. There is no time to fuss over finicky uniforms, officials said.

"The wash and wear uniform will be easier and cheaper to maintain," said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, uniform board superintendent. "The permanent-press treatment eliminates the need for ironing, and home washing can save an Airman from \$180 to \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year."

Sergeant Dean oversees the wear test and leads the uniform board's campaign to display the uniform as much as possible in a variety of locations.

"The wear test allows Airmen around the world to see the uniform in work places and to give feedback on its appearance, comfort, function and maintenance," Sergeant Dean said. "The chief of staff took that feedback into consideration when making the decision to move forward with expanding the test to include the new color and pattern."

Special operations and survival, evasion, resistance and escape Airmen will field-test the new utility uniform's pattern and colors to see how they perform in extreme conditions.

In January 2005, the uniform board will standardize the pattern, material and specifications and deliver the results to the Defense Logistics Agency for production. Normal production to delivery time can take 18 to 24 months.

340th WPS: Weapon model helps students train for real-world scenarios

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88 CBU-105s have been released in combat to date.

"This is a weapon where you need detailed integration with ground forces to get a detailed location of the target," Captain Vauclin said. "Inside one weapon are 10 submunitions, inside each of which are four 'hockey puck' shaped skeets with infrared sensors on them to detect a hot target such as an engine. Upon detection, the skeet shoots an explosively formed penetrator to eradicate hardened targets."

Capt. Dave Aragon, another 340th WPS student, said, "This weapon is designed to stop an enemy's moving army of large numbers. This is not a weapon to stop one tank, but one that can stop multiple tanks."

The weapon's 40 smart skeet warheads can destroy both hard and soft targets.

"Hard targets are armored vehicles such as tanks and trucks, and the skeet fragments will detonate and have an effect on enemy troops, which are the soft targets," said Capt. Kevin Madrigal, a student at the 340th WPS.

"This weapon works to take out the enemy's weapons and is designed to attack the hot engine of a tank and immo-

bilize the tank so it is no longer capable of bringing damage against the United States," Captain Madrigal said. "It does not completely destroy everything, but allows time to stop an enemy's moving column of armor to allow ground troops to come in."

Physical damage is not all the weapon can do. "This is a psychological weapon, also," said Capt. Paul Peconga, another 340th WPS student. "Iraqi troops can see the huge fireworks show and say, 'I don't want any part of that,' so the Iraqis surrender, saving American lives."

The students receive graduate-level training in B-52 tactics and weapons and are integrated with all combat Air Force assets. After students receive instruction on a particular weapon they are academically tested on it. Then they have the opportunity to employ the weapon in a tactical scenario. For most weapons, the students get to employ either a live or inert weapon, but in the case of the CBU-105 they only get to simulate releasing it. This is where having a realistic model improves the students' training because instead of just looking at the pictures in the technical order and academics, the students get to see an actual CBU-105, Captain Boulter said.

Barksdale named Employer of the Year by Caddo-Bossier Arc

Barksdale contract work helps support mission of The Arc, 2d Bomb Wing

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale was named The Arc of Caddo-Bossier's Employer of the Year for support of The Arc's mission.

The Arc is a national organization that provides services for individuals of all ages who have all types of developmental disabilities.

Maj. Nathan Rump, 2d Contracting Squadron commander, and Senior Master Sgt. Steven Kembrell, 2d CONS first sergeant, received the award during a luncheon at The Arc's facility in Shreveport Oct. 25.

"This is a great award for Barksdale," Major Rump said. "We appreciate all the hard work these people put into the base."

For the past 20 years they have maintained a supporting relationship with The Arc. Their first employment contract with Barksdale was for operating a postal service center. The con-

tract provides employment for one supervisor and two disabled workers six days a week.

The Arc of Caddo-Bossier's Frost Industries has three more contracts with Barksdale. Two of the contracts provide laundry services. On an average, these contracts process 370,000 pounds of linen a year and provide 10 disabled clients with employment plus benefits.

Frost Industries other contract with Barksdale is for providing custodial services for the entire base. Custodial services involve an average 130 buildings, some of which are cleaned seven days a week. The custodial contract provides employment plus benefits for 25 additional disabled people.

"This award is not just for the people in the 2d CONS office, but everyone on base that our people come into contact with," said Mr. Bob Cooper, Frost Industries, chief executive officer.

"The people working and all the work they do greatly contribute to the mission of the 2d Bomb Wing," Major Rump said.



Air Force launches user-friendly news product

STAFF REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force officials announced a new e-mail service Oct. 20 that gives subscribers a user-friendly news summary with links to extensive news and information, as well as audio and video news reports.

Those wishing to receive the free e-mail news summary, called “AF Today,” can subscribe by going to Air Force Link at www.af.mil and clicking on “Subscribe” on the right side of the site’s banner.

AF Today was developed after analyzing user trends and surveys showing news customers wanted useful informa-

tion with less clutter.

“Our research shows many people feel they get too much junk e-mail and spend too much time searching multiple Web sites for information,” said Bob Jensen, chief of the news operations division at the Air Force News Service here. “AF Today offers our news products to our customers at their convenience.”

New computer software now makes it possible to package multiple Web links and images into a single-page e-mail message. Once subscribers sign up, the system will automatically deliver the message to their inboxes every weekday.

In a world of deployments, mission flexibility and an ever-changing security environment, balancing a need for news and managing time is challenging,” said Leslie Benito, chief of AFNS’s Web operations branch. “To help meet these challenges, we find new software to give our customers targeted products and provide them with what they want.”

Air Force News Service now offers 22 e-mail subscription services free of charge. These range from the weekday Air Force Print News and monthly Airman magazine to news from Air Force major commands. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*



New law sinks ‘check floating’

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The practice of “floating” a check has become a thing of the past as of Thursday when the new federal Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, also known as Check 21, went into effect.

“Check floating” occurs when people write checks a few days before payday, figuring that by the time their checks hit the bank, there will be money in the accounts to cover them.

With Check 21, money will be withdrawn immediately from a person’s account when he or she writes a check.

The new federal law is designed to help banks efficiently process more checks electronically. This means that debits to a person’s checking account will occur in minutes, not days.

“If a person writes a check Thursday without having funds to cover the check because he or she gets paid Friday, that’s going to be a problem,” Barksdale Commissary Director Ralph Buras said. He believes that this will not mean new equipment for the commissary, but it’s just new bank technology. “The bottom line is that people are not going to be able to float checks anymore.”

Paper checks as record-keeping devices will also become a thing of the past. Instead, banks will replace canceled checks with substitute checks — paper copies of electronic images of a person’s original check. Consumers must have a substitute check to

exercise all of their rights under Check 21 for the recrediting of their account in the event of a transactional error.

The potential effect on consumers is simple. Unwary consumers will be more likely to bounce checks because of the enhanced speed and efficiency of check processing.

Consumers probably will not be able to access funds from checks deposited in their accounts any sooner because the new law does not shorten check hold times for banks. This means people may not be able to withdraw money from their accounts the same day a deposit is made.

Here are a few tips to help people adjust their banking habits in response to Check 21:

- Check your balance. Ensure you have sufficient funds in the checking account to cover any purchases made by check.
- Request substitute checks. Although banks are not required by law to issue them, be persistent in requesting that substitute checks accompany bank statements.
- Ask for a re-credit in writing. If a loss is related to a substitute check received, notify the bank in writing within 40 days of the bank statement and request a re-credit to the account. Do not forget to include the substitute check.

For more information about Check 21, visit the Consumers Union or the Federal Reserve Web sites. You can also contact a legal assistance attorney at the base legal office. *(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)*



News briefs

FSC closing

The Family Support Center closes today from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an official function. In case of an emergency, call 426-5715.

ALS award winners

The following senior airmen are Airman Leadership School award winners for class 04-H who graduated Wednesday: John L. Levitow Award - Venise Suggs, 2d Communications Squadron; academic award - Melissa Devault, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron; leadership award - Heather Thomas, 2d Mission Support Squadron; and distinguished graduates - Melissa Devault, 2d CES; Johnny Foreman, 2d Munitions Squadron; Joseph McCalphin, 2d Maintenance Squadron; Jani Camferdam, 2d Medical Operations Squadron; and Willie Castor, 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office.

Commissary holiday hours

The commissary is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in observance of Veterans Day.

Blood drive

The LifeShare Blood Center holds a blood drive Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mobile units will be parked in the base exchange parking lot and the Shoppette. For more information, call 2d Lt. Kathy Falino at 456-8745.

Retirements

Master Sgt. James Bolen

Master Sgt. James “Randy” Bolen, 2d Maintenance Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service in a ceremony at the 2d MXS accessory flight Wednesday at 3 p.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Carolyn Forester at 453-1916 for more information.

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Pinkard

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Pinkard, 2d Maintenance Operations Squadron, retires after 22 years of dedicated service in a ceremony at the enlisted club Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Carolyn Forester at 453-1916 for more information.

Chief Master Sgt. Wallace Littrell

Chief Master Sgt. Wallace Littrell, 2d Services Squadron, retires after 24 years of dedicated service Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. at the enlisted club. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rick Speedy at 456-6952.

Veterans Day activities

The city of Minden celebrates Veterans Day with a variety of activities Thursday. The day kicks off with a memorial ceremony at the Minden Civic Center at 9 a.m. A luncheon follows the service at 11:45 a.m. and is free to active-duty members and veterans. Cost is \$4 for others attending. For more information, call Mrs. Linda Thompson at 377-5325.

Parking area closure

The visitor control center parking area at the Shreveport gate closes for construction starting today until further notice. The parking area adjacent to Wilbur Wright is available for parking. For more information, call 456-3580.

Bowl-a-thon

The Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Committee hosts a bowl-a-thon Monday at the bowling center from 6 to 9 p.m. Call Senior Airman Farahn Choudhry at 456-7028 for more information.

Women’s History Committee

Barksdale’s Women’s History Committee invites base

members to their membership drive Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chapel Two Annex. For more information, call Master Sgt. Alisha Laird at 456-4299.

World War II uniforms

The 8th Air Force needs World War II era Army Air Corps uniforms for the 8th Air Force Heritage holiday party. Anyone in possession of an Army Air Corps uniform and willing to loan the uniform, should call Master Sgt. Vanerra Reddic at 456-2164.

Jewelry from Thailand

The officers spouses club hosts a jewelry sale Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the officers club. Proceeds will benefit a variety of charities. The event is open to all military members, Department of Defense and nonappropriated employees. Call Mrs. Beckie Bertsch at 746-3607, or Mrs. Laura Patnaude at 742-6029 for more information.

Purple Heart luncheon

The retiree office hosts a luncheon at the Bossier Civic Center at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 22 to honor former Prisoners of Wars, recipients of the Purple Heart for combat wounds and veterans of all services. Reservations are required. Cost is \$10 a person for a Salisbury steak dinner. For more information, call 456-4480 or 456-5976. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 15.

Article 15

One Barksdale airman received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice from Oct. 21-27.

A senior airman failed to show up for work on time. Punishment consisted of reduction to airman.

There were two discharges for minor disciplinary infractions under the Rapid Airman Discharge Program during the above time frame.



AEF Center commander explains longer tour cycle

Change gives Airmen more time at home, down time

BY SENIOR AIRMAN SARAH CLARK
15TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — The effect of the expanded air and space expeditionary force tour lengths on troop morale was addressed here by the general in charge of the deployment schedule.

Brig. Gen. Steven Hoog, AEF Center commander, explained how the recent extension to four-month deployments is working out.

“Airmen have saluted smartly, and they’re off doing their business,” he said.

This new schedule offers greater stability for commanders and a reduction in transportation requirements because Airmen are swapping out three times instead of four during the year, General Hoog said.

The deployment-length change to the AEF cycle started Sept. 15. Airmen now get four extra months at home.

“We go for 120 days now (every) 20 months,” General Hoog said. “In terms of your life back at home, the turmoil has actually decreased because now you have a longer cycle (of down) time.”

An AEF assignment does not necessarily mean deployment, but Airmen should be prepared to go anytime during their

120-day window, he said.

“If you’re in a deployable [position], you’re supposed to be ready to go on 72-hours notice, regardless,” General Hoog said. “If you’re in a four-month window, you’re supposed to be ready to go any day from day one to day 119. What we try to do is give you as much notice as we can, ideally somewhere between 30 and 90 days and tell you where you’re going to go, but you’re supposed to be ready that whole time.”

Air Force officials are changing in the way they handle war, including the integration of reservists and guardsmen and combining the different armed services to create a larger joint environment.

The reservists and guardsmen “do a great job,” General Hoog said. “The Guard and Reserve will volunteer to take taskings before (the taskings) flow down to the active-duty.”

People in certain Air Force specialties are deploying for 179 days, but because they are not trained for their specific task, these deployments are expanded by two to two-and-a-half months of training before deploying.

Additionally, Airmen are integrating with the Army as never before. Several Air Force specialties “have agreed to fill some Army requirements with Air Force bluesuiters,” he said. “It’s working out superbly.”

For more information about the AEF cycles, visit the Web site <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil>. (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

DOD officials ‘pause’ anthrax program because of legal issues

WIRE REPORT

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials are “pausing” the anthrax vaccination program while they review a preliminary injunction issued Oct. 27 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The injunction did not question the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine or the DOD immunization program. The injunction centered on Food and Drug Administration procedural issues stating that additional public comment should have been sought before FDA officials issued their final rule in December 2003, a DOD spokesman said.

Defense officials said the vaccination program is an important force protection

measure. Research conducted by several prominent medical experts and a report by the National Academy of Sciences have shown that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective for all forms of anthrax exposure.

As a result of the injunction, DOD officials said they will pause the vaccinations until the legal situation is clarified.

The ruling is similar to the judge’s injunction issued in December 2003. At that time, DOD officials also paused the program pending clarification of the legal issues. The 2003 injunction was lifted roughly two weeks later.

DOD remains convinced the program complies with all the legal requirements, and the vaccine is safe and effective, officials said. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

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COMACC inducted into Order of the Sword



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Lisa Zunzanyika

Air Combat Command Honor Guard member Staff Sgt. Jason Kozak, 1st Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron, carries the ceremonial sword as part of the ceremony inducting ACC Commander Gen. Hal Hornburg into the command's Order of the Sword Oct. 22. General Hornburg is the third person inducted into the order, the highest honor and tribute noncommissioned officers can bestow upon an individual.

BY TECH. SGT. PATRICK MURPHY
AIR COMBAT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Air Combat Command's enlisted force honored its commander Oct. 22 with induction into the Order of the Sword.

Gen. Hal Hornburg, who has commanded ACC since November 2001, is the third ACC leader to be inducted into the command's Order of the Sword.

"This ancient ceremony honors an Airmen's Airman and a leader among leaders," said Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, ACC command chief master sergeant. "(It) is a most fitting event for a man who has led and sacrificed for his country for more than 36 years while always taking care of those who take care of the mission."

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor and tribute noncommissioned officers can bestow upon an individual. It is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded during the Middle Ages in Europe and still in existence today — the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword.

In 1522, King Gustavus the First, of Sweden, enjoined the noblemen he commissioned to appoint officers to serve him — accountants, builders, craftsmen, teachers, scribes and others responsible for conducting the ordinary daily affairs of the kingdom. The system worked so well it was incorporated into the Swedish army as a way to establish and

maintain a cohesive, disciplined, well-trained force to protect lives and property in the kingdom. These ancient NCOs would honor their leader and pledge their loyalty by presenting him with a sword.

U.S. Air Force NCOs revised and updated the Order of the Sword ceremony and adopted it in 1967. Since then, the rare honor of receiving it has only been accorded to those special leaders who take great pride and show great concern for the enlisted corps.

In his remarks, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said General Hornburg is defined by his "exceptional character" and "constitution that drives us."

"General Hornburg is an advocate for the enlisted corps," he said. "He's left an indelible impression on the Air Force. His slogan 'People First—Mission Always' is more than just words; it's a marching order."

Chief Murray summarized General Hornburg's deeds as ACC commander. The general made quality of life a priority in the command, with upgrades to dormitories, libraries and fitness centers, and he set aside funding to repair, upgrade or build new running tracks at every ACC base. He promoted the personal and professional development of NCOs, and encouraged partnership between NCOs and officers. He also invested time, effort and dollars to retaining the Air Force's "greatest asset — our Airmen."

As part of the induction ceremony,

the thankful ACC enlisted corps presented General Hornburg with a sword, a citation, a portrait, and a proclamation scroll, which was signed by every enlisted member who attended the ceremony. The enlisted corps also honored the general's wife, Cynthia, for the role she played in supporting her husband. They presented her a silver bowl and made a \$500 donation to the Air Force Village in her name.

"For once, I'm almost speechless," he said. "But not quite. I can't accept this honor and all that comes with it without adequately saying thanks."

"(This is) truly the greatest honor as a member of the U.S. Air Force," the general said.

The Order of the Sword comes from people who are heroes, General Hornburg said. The hero is known for deeds. A hero is a big man. The enlisted corps is made up of heroes who do their work every day for little money and no thanks. They dream big dreams and make them come true while providing service to the nation.

"I accept this honor with such pride," he said. "I hope and pray I've duly earned it. It's the highest honor any leader could achieve."

The general joins Gen. John Loh and Gen. Richard Hawley as the only ACC commanders to be inducted into the Order of the Sword. General Loh was inducted in February 1995, and General Hawley joined him in April 1999.

(Master Sgt. Dawn Collazo contributed to this report.)

Defense Act increases pay, provides benefits

Servicemembers get 3.5% fixed pay raise plus increase in BAH

BY JIM GARAMONE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON—President Bush signed the \$420.6 billion National Defense Authorization Act on Oct. 28.

This makes up 19.9 percent of the total fiscal 2005 federal budget and 3.6 percent of the gross domestic product. Last year, the percentages were 20.2 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

The authorization act is the second of two bills that had to become law for the Defense Department to operate. The first is the Defense Appropriations Act, which the president signed into law Aug. 5. The appropriations act provides the money; the authorization act gives DOD the OK to spend it.

The act funds a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay

raise for servicemembers, and eliminates out-of-pocket expenses for housing by increasing the basic allowance for housing. It also makes permanent increases in hostile fire and imminent danger pay to \$225 per month, and in family separation pay to \$250 per month.

It also allows the base realignment and closure process to move forward. The House version of the bill would have delayed the process for two years.

The act authorizes a number of programs for reserve-component servicemembers.

On the medical side, it provides for up to 90 days of Tricare coverage for reservists and their families who are mobilized. It also authorizes 180 days of transitional Tricare health benefits for reservists, active-duty members and their families after separation from active duty.

In addition, members of the selected reserve earn a year's eligibility for Tricare for each 90 days of service in a contingency.

"If a guardsman or reservist has served for at least 30 days called up on a contingency operation, then had 90 days of service," said Dr. William Winkenwerder, "for each 90 days of service, they're

eligible for a full year of Tricare coverage if they sign up for another year of reserve service." Dr. Winkenwerder is assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

The bill authorizes a new reserve-component educational assistance program tied to the Montgomery GI Bill. The provision has different rates, depending on the length of active-duty service. It is 40 percent for service of 90 days to one year, 60 percent for one year to two years, and 80 percent for more than two consecutive years.

It also speeds up concurrent-receipt payments for retirees rated 100 percent disabled. In the past, retirees had their pay docked dollar for dollar by the amount of disability payments the Department of Veterans Affairs paid them. Last year, Congress authorized a phase-in process that would eliminate the concurrent-receipt prohibition over a decade.

On the family- and bachelor-housing front, the act eliminates a statutory ceiling on the privatization of housing. In the program, which allows DOD to leverage public money with private contractors, the services can build and renovate family and bachelor housing. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)



75 Waller fifth graders graduate from STARBASE Louisiana

BY 1ST LT. CARLA PAMPE
8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 75 fifth-grade students from Waller Elementary School in Bossier Parish received diplomas Oct. 29 during a graduation for Science and Technology Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration Program Louisiana, otherwise known as STARBASE Louisiana.

STARBASE Louisiana is one of more than 50 STARBASE sites in the country funded through the Department of Defense. The 917th Wing at Barksdale sponsors the local program, which is a joint program of the military, area industry, educators and non-profit organizations.

"STARBASE offers kids who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity a chance to find out what the military is all about," said Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, 917th Wing commander. "It is a great community outreach program that uses science, math and technology to help our children learn problem solving skills that they can apply to their everyday lives."

"Since the program was implemented in June 1999, we have serviced more than 3,000 children," General Ihle said. "We are lucky to have one of the 50 STARBASE sites located throughout the United States."

After participating in the STARBASE Program, Waller Elementary student Shelby Holland is more determined than ever to become an Air Force pilot.

"I liked the flight simulator and visiting the airplanes," Miss Holland said. "I like them because they will get me closer to my goal. I now know what to look out for and what to look for in life."

Fellow fifth-grader Amber Lane said the program kept her interest.

"I usually fall asleep during science, but with all the cool stuff we did, my eyes wouldn't shut," she said.

In all, 29 fifth-grade classes from 10 schools in Bossier and Caddo parishes will participate in the five-day pro-

gram at STARBASE Louisiana this year, said Mrs. Sheila Schencke, STARBASE Louisiana executive director.

"Another 25 classes from Bossier, Caddo and Webster parishes will participate in an in-school version of STARBASE taught by teachers who trained for 45 hours last summer in the teacher academy," Mrs. Schencke said.

STARBASE Louisiana, Inc., raises the funds to check out kits valued at \$2,600 to these teachers to use in their classrooms to teach the STARBASE curriculum, she added.

"Since the interest in the program exceeds the number of classes available in the schedule, this is one way to serve more students," Mrs. Schencke said.

During the graduation at Waller Elementary, Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, served as guest speaker.

"I don't remember when I was in fifth grade, so it's a treat to look into all your young faces," General Carlson said. "I want to tell you how important it is that you continue to be interested in science, math and technology."

"We live in an age when math and science is the foundation of nearly everything we do," the general said. "Science, math and technology will help you achieve your goals — no matter what career you

choose."

General Carlson praised the students for their hard work and then greeted each child personally, presenting their graduation certificates. As the certificates were presented, the audience learned what each child hoped to be when they grew up - everything from doctors, lawyers and pilots to wildlife managers, coaches and actors. Using the STARBASE mantra of "dreams plus action equals reality," these children are working to make their dreams come true.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, presents a graduation certificate to Chris Washington, a fifth-grade student. More than 75 Waller students participated in Barksdale's STARBASE Louisiana Program.



Airman Tabitha Winingier/2d CS

Meet 'n' greet: Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, shakes hands with children at the Red Ribbon Week finale ceremony.



Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Husband, Cedric; sons Deiontae and Cedric Jr.; and daughter Ariana

Hometown: Sawyerville, Ala.

Unit: 608th Combat Plans Squadron

Job title: Information manager

Job description: Workgroup manager

Most rewarding job aspect: Troubleshooting computer problems

Goals: Obtain a master's degree in education, retire from the Air Force and become an elementary school principal

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, reading and watching television

What motivates my winning attitude: Working in a squadron where your work is greatly appreciated

Favorite sports team: Atlanta Falcons

Favorite meal: Chicken Alfredo served with garlic bread

Favorite performer: Usher

Favorite book: Sweet St. Louis by Omar Tyree

Person I admire most: My mother, who served active duty in the Army to accomplish her goals



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Senior Airman Ebonique McCray

What I like most about Barksdale: My squadron

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: Reroute the railroad track at the entry to the Shreveport Gate

Most influential person in the Air Force to you and why: Master Sgt. Juan Vargas, because his honesty and motivation inspired me to put my best foot forward irregardless of the situation.

608th Combat Plans Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:

Lt. Col. Michael Fleck

First sergeant:

Chief Master Sgt. George Bice

608th Air Operations Group commander:

Col. Jeffery Smith

Squadron motto:

Aerospace power planned right

Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Grab-n-go lunches

The bowling center offers ready-to-go meals. Enjoy turkey or ham poboys with cheese on a fresh hoagie roll, served with chips and a soda. Price is \$3.50 and guests can get in and out in less than five minutes. Stop by the bowling center Monday through Friday for a grab-n-go meal.

Thanksgiving Day buffet

Enjoy the Thanksgiving buffet Nov. 25 at the officer's club. The menu features carved steamship round of beef, oven roasted turkey, corn bread dressing, honey baked ham, whipped potatoes and gravy, candied sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes, buttered corn, seasoned green beans, California vegetable medley, coleslaw, potato salad, carrot and raisin salad, fresh green salad and dressings, homemade dinner rolls and assorted desserts.

Seatings are at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations are required by noon Nov. 24. Walk-ins are welcome but pay an additional \$2. Members pay \$9.95 for adults, \$4.95 for ages 6-12 and free for children under 6. Non-members pay \$3 more. Call 456-4926 for reservations.

Mongolian night

Asian fare is at the officers club Wednesday. Guests build their own entrees by picking from numerous fresh ingredients like shrimp, beef, chicken or pork, vegetables and 19 exotic sauces. Plates are weighed and cooked to order by the club. Cost is 50 cents per ounce. Desserts are also available. All ranks are welcome. The meal starts at 5:30 p.m.

Saints vs Cowboys trip

Gifts and Getaways hosts a trip to Texas Stadium to see the Dallas Cowboys vs New Orleans Saints football game on Dec. 12. Guests get round-trip transportation on a luxury chartered bus and a game ticket for \$100.

Call 456-1866 or stop by Gifts and Getaways in the Base Exchange mall to sign up.

Arts and crafts contest

The arts and crafts center hosts an arts and crafts basewide competition through Dec. 8. Drawings, paintings and various crafts compete with others from Barksdale. Winners' projects will compete against the winners at other bases in Air Combat Command. Entry is free. Awards will be presented Dec. 10. Call 456-3140 for details.

The arts and crafts center also hosts a base wide photography competition through Dec. 8. Photographers com-

pete in several categories. Winners' photographs may be chosen to compete against the other bases in Air Combat Command. Entry is free. Awards will be presented Dec. 10. Call 456-3140 for details.

Bingo jackpot

The bingo jackpot for Thursday was \$1,700. Early bird bingo and the buffet begin at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is \$5.50 for non-members and \$4.50 for club members. Jackpot bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and all ranks are welcome. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack.

Monday two-for-one lunch

Members can enjoy the mega buffet with a friend Mondays at the officers club. Bring a guest and the second meal is free. Non-members pay \$6.95. The buffet includes soup, salad bar, drink and dessert.

Retired member fridays

The club salutes its retired membership every Friday night. Retirees buy dinner and get a second meal at half price.

Wednesday steak for two

Enjoy two T-bone steak dinners Nov. 17 at the officers club for only \$12.95 with two side items. Dinner is open to all ranks and starts at 5:30 p.m. in the officers club dining room.

Talent show

A "salute to the troops" is the theme of this family talent competition at the youth center Wednesday.

Sign up for singing, dancing or doing anything that showcases family talent. The show starts at 7 p.m. Call 456-3446 for more details.

Saturday prime rib

Enjoy prime rib for two each Saturday for only \$19.95. The meal includes choice of rice or potatoes and vegetable of the day, au jus and horse-radish sauce.

Home improvement class

Be prepared for a home improvement project by taking a class. The arts and crafts center is planning to offer classes on subjects such as ceramic tiling, basic plumbing, drywall and wall repair, basic electrical work and several others.

Log on to the Barksdale services Web site and complete the survey located on the bottom of the main page. This survey indicates which subjects are needed most and classes that have the highest interest will be offered. If there is no access to a computer, stop by the arts and crafts center to fill out a survey.

Santa's Showcase

Barksdale's premier holiday event!

Win \$200 at

Dec. 4
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Vendors wanted!

Earn holiday cash!

the Gingerbread Creation Contest

Hundreds of military shoppers!

10 x 10 booth \$40

10 x 20 booth \$78

To reserve a space, register online at www.barksdaleservices.com or call 456-6955



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



“Resident Evil: Apocalypse”

Rated: R

Playing: Today at 7 p.m.

Run time: 94 minutes

Cast: Milla Jovovich, Eric Mabius

Synopsis: Beginning where the first film left off, Alice is in the heart of the ravaged and deadly Raccoon City. She is joined by Jill Valentine, Terri Morales, Carlos Oliviera, L.J. and Nicholai who must survive and escape what is quickly becoming a City of the Dead.

“The Forgotten”

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 91 minutes

Cast: Julianne Moore, Dominic West

Synopsis: Single mother Telly Paretta (Moore), whose 8-year-old son recently disappeared, seeks the help of a psychiatrist to cope with the pain of her grief, only to be told her son is merely a figment of her imagination. When she meets a father (West) who has had a similar experience, the two team up to try to find the answers.



“Mr. 3000”

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 104 minutes

Cast: Bernie Mac, Angela Bassett

Synopsis: Seven years ago, a baseball star retired from the sport as soon as he achieved his 3,000 base hit. Now after several hits have been disqualified, he returns to play a few more games and once again make his mark. Along the way, he discovers that the experience renews his love for the sport and finds himself imparting some of his knowledge to a young rookie he mentors.



Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East
Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Mondays through Fridays, noon

Catholic Women of the Chapel, Chapel Two Annex, every third Sunday of the month, 2 p.m.

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Festival of Carols concert

The Festival of Carols concert is Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at chapel Two. Call the chapel secretary or Mr. Collis Thorn at 456-2111 to sing in the choir. Rehearsals are Mondays at 7 p.m. at Chapel Two.

Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769

Red River Inn, 456-8367

Items subject to change

Today

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

Saturday

Brunch — Ribeye steak, Cajun meatloaf, baked chicken

Supper — Pork chops, fish almondine, stir-fry chicken

Sunday

Brunch — Sauerbraten, tuna and noodles, chicken breasts

Supper — Spinach lasagna, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, knockwurst

Dinner — Baked ham, fish and fries, roast turkey

Tuesday

Lunch — Yakisoba, Salisbury steak, lemon-baked fish

Dinner — Barbecued beef, pork chop suey, paprika beef

Wednesday

Lunch — Beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, Caribbean jerk chicken

Dinner — Country—style steak, pita pizza, fried chicken

Thursday

Lunch — Liver, tempura—fried fish, spiced pork chops

Dinner — Pepper steak, ginger pot roast, baked chicken

Nov. 12

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood Newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Pot roast, corned beef, pineapple chicken

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue
and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.
Reservations required for all events.

Operation Hero

A mock deployment scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon is intended to give children of active duty and reservists a better understanding of the deployment process. Children must be between ages 5 and 12 and accompanied by a parent. One hundred seats are available and reservations are required.

Cyber center

The Family Support Center has 10 computer stations available for use with Internet, e-mail, and self-help software programs such as Discover, Scholarship Resource Network, Power Pay, Personal Financial Management and Mavis Beacon typing test. The cyber center is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for various base agencies. Child care may be provided. Call the Family Support Center to find out more about volunteering opportunities.

Military Family Month

November is Military Family Month. The Armed Services YMCA is sponsoring an art contest for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and an essay contest for first graders through high school seniors. Winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds.

Marriage checklist

If marriage plans are in the future, then come by the Family Support Center for a marriage checklist to help with the “To Do” list. It lists things to do before and after marriage such as obtaining a marriage license, planning a budget, chapel arrangements, ID cards, base decals, DEERS enrollment, and updating emergency data cards (DD Form 93), Tricare, life and auto insurance and legal considerations.

Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center’s readiness team provides information and support during a time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others for deployment.

Parents and tots playgroup

The parents and tots playgroup is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Two annex.

This informal play group enhances the social skills of pre-school children while improving parents’ knowledge of child development and parenting skills through sharing with each other.

English as a second language

The English as a second language class provides essential language skills to assist students, personally and professionally, as they transition to American culture. The class is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.



Varsity football team wins Bossier league

Barksdale Bombers regulate Benton team, win championship 12-7

STAFF SGT. JEREMY LARLEE

2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Barksdale Bombers varsity flag-football team scored on their first two drives of the game on their way to a 12-7 victory over the Benton Regulators in the Bossier Parks and Recreation League championship game.

The Bombers were running on fumes. The championship game was their third game of the evening.

“Our endurance was a big reason for us winning tonight,” said Bombers coach Demarkulus Menyfield. “As you can see, nobody on our team failed the physical training test.”

The Regulators started off the game on a good note by winning the coin toss, deciding to take possession of the ball first. The drive was a disaster for the Regulators though because during the first play Damian Guy was able to intercept a pass and return it deep into the Regulators end of the field.

The Bombers didn’t take long to cash in on their opponent’s mistake as

quarterback Aubrey Williams fired a touchdown to Jessie Almore on the second play of the drive to take a 6-0 lead. The Bombers were unable to convert the extra point.

After throwing an interception on the first drive, the Regulators seemed to be hesitant to take chances with their offense. The conservative play led to them only gaining five yards on three plays, and they were forced to punt the ball back to the Bombers on fourth down.

With the momentum fully in their corner, the Bombers started their second possession deep in their own territory. With a combination of short passes and scrambles out of the pocket by Williams, they slowly moved the ball down the field eating up yards and the clock. With 30 seconds remaining in the half, Williams found Billy Hayes in the back of the end zone on a crossing pattern for the second touchdown of the game. The Bombers were again unable to convert the extra point so their lead stood at 12-0.

The Regulators were unable to move the ball down the field in the last 30 seconds and the game went into halftime with the Bombers holding a 12-0 lead.

The Bombers took possession of the ball first in the second half. The magic seemed to be gone in their offense and they were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt.

The Regulators scored a touchdown on the next possession on a long pass down the left sideline and they were able to convert the extra point to trim the Bombers’ lead to 12-7. They never moved the ball into the Bombers’ side of the field for the rest of the game.

Neither team’s offense could move the ball for the remainder of the game. They traded punts for most of the second half. The last play of the game was a desperation heave with time running out by the Regulators. The fourth down play was unsuccessful and the game ended with a 12-7 score.

The Bombers coach was ecstatic his team came through for another championship.

“Barksdale should be proud of this team,” said Menyfield. “This is the second year we have played in the Bossier league and this is our second first-place trophy.”



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee/2d BW PA

Barksdale Bomber quarterback Aubrey Williams leaps out of bounds to avoid being tackled by a defender during the Oct. 28 contest at Bossier City’s Tinsley Park. The Bombers won the game and the championship by a score of 12-7 and finished the season with a 8-2 record. This was their second consecutive title.

Sports shorts

Golf tournament

The 2d Bomb Wing holiday party fund-raiser tournament is Nov. 19 at Barksdale’s Fox Run Golf Course. Cost is \$15 per player plus normal cart and green fees. Entry is limited to the first 20 teams with only one single digit handicapper per team. To sign up call Lt. Col. Andy Corroero at 456-5331 or Master Sgt. Wayne Penrod at 456-5049.

Men’s varsity basketball schedule

The following is the remaining schedule for Barksdale’s men’s varsity basketball team:

Saturday and Sunday at Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Nov. 13 and 14, versus Tinker AFB, Okla.; Nov. 20 and 21 at Sheppard AFB, Texas; Nov. 27 and 28 versus Dyess AFB, Texas; Dec. 3 and 4 at Fort. Sill, Okla.; Dec. 18 and 19 versus Altus AFB Okla.; Jan. 8 and 9 at Dyess AFB; Jan. 14 through 17 at Sheppard or Eglin Martin Luther King tournament; Jan. 22 and 23 at Tinker AFB; Feb. 5 and 6 at Fort. Sam Houston March Classic; Feb. 18 through 21 African American Heritage Tournament at Randolph AFB, Texas, or at Altus AFB; Feb. 26 and 27 versus Sheppard AFB; March 5 and 6 versus Little Rock AFB; March 12 and 13, at Altus AFB; March 27 through 27, League Championships at Randolph AFB. Games subject to change.

Fox Run clubhouse

Construction on the new clubhouse is underway at Barksdale’s Fox Run Golf Course. People wanting to play golf are reminded the old clubhouse and course are still open to anyone wanting to come out and play but available parking is limited.

Turkey shoot golf tournament

The annual turkey shoot golf tournament is scheduled for Nov. 20. The tournament is a four person scramble format with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$10 plus normal fees. Everyone who plays has a chance at taking home a holiday turkey. Stop by the Fox Run Pro Shop to sign up.

Turkey trot 5-kilometer

The fitness center hosts a 5-kilometer run or walk Nov. 19. Drawings will be held for turkeys and other prizes. Call 456-4135 for details.

Bowling special

The bowling center has a new Sunday special that includes unlimited bowling for three hours and a choice of the following meals: burgers, chicken strips, hot dogs, corn dogs or grilled cheese with fries and a soda. Cost for two guests is \$29.29, cost for four guests is \$39.95 and cost for six guests is \$49.95.

Intramural football scoreboard

Editor’s note: *Barksdale’s intramural football standings have not changed since Oct. 13 due to games being postponed due to the exercises. Play will resume as soon as weather permits.*

Standings as of Oct. 13

	W	L
CS #1	7	0
AMXS	6	0
MDG	6	0
MXS	5	1
MUNS	5	2
CES	4	2
MSS/MOS	4	3
CS #2	4	4
20th BS	3	3
8th AF	3	4
LRS	2	4
AWC/SVS	1	6